

though money was tight, there was always more than enough good Wisconsin cheese and Wonder bread to go around.

Sixty years is a long time and a lot of memories. Their successful union could be measured in years or even tender moments. But even more impressive a measure is their four wonderful children and seven grandchildren.

A marriage of 60 years is an impressive and rare accomplishment. Today, I express my deepest admiration for the Safraneks—the love, the laughter, the family and the marriage that, while not born in Wisconsin, symbolizes Wisconsin and its values at their best.●

#### TRIBUTE TO CLYDE BROWN

● Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, it is with great pleasure that I pay tribute to an outstanding citizen of Mississippi. On June 13, 2003, Clyde Brown of Moss Point, MS was recognized for his long-term efforts to protect the fragile, natural resources of coastal Mississippi by receiving the 2003 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's, NOAA, Environmental Hero Award.

Established in 1995 to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Earth Day, the Environmental Hero award honors individuals and organizations for their tireless efforts to preserve and protect our Nation's environment. Mr. Brown is among only 36 winners in the Nation of the 2003 NOAA Environmental Hero Award.

A lifelong resident of eastern Jackson County, MS, Clyde Brown recently retired after nearly 40 years of employment at the International Paper Company and is a part-time oysterman and seafood processor. He has been involved in a number of volunteer efforts that range from serving on citizen advisory councils to establishing the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources' Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, NERR.

Mr. Brown has worked with my office and other members of Congress over the years to secure support for a variety of projects including the oyster relay project, establishment of the Grand Bay NERR, expansion of the Grand Bay National Wildlife Refuge, a local Federal Emergency Management Agency buyout, disaster relief, and the Coastal Impact Assistance Program, to name a few.

David Ruple, manager of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources/Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve said, "Clyde Brown is soft-spoken yet determined in his efforts to conserve and restore the resources of the Mississippi gulf coast. He serves as the pulse of the local community and has been the sounding board for local residents inquiring about Federal and State conservation initiatives over the years. Clyde is a true environmental hero, and I am proud to have had the opportunity to work with him.

It is citizens such as Mr. Brown whose dedicated efforts and out-

standing accomplishments greatly benefit the environment and make our Nation a better place for all Americans.●

#### SALUTING GEORGE AND LOIS FERNAU AND FUTURES OF AMERICA

● Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, today I salute George and Lois Fernau of St. Louis, who are the founders of a very talented, very patriotic singing group, the Futures of America.

The Fernaus are parents of four children, and something Mr. Fernau saw on television in the early 70s as he was about to take his daughter to softball practice disturbed him very deeply. He watched as a group of protesters burned the American flag. Mr. Fernau thought this was a slap in the face to those who fought to defend freedom under that flag and a desecration of an enduring symbol of freedom and democracy. He was inspired to do something to express his love for the country, so he asked his daughters after softball practice if they would be willing to be part of a singing group that would tour the country and spread patriotic feeling through music. Thus, the Futures of America were born.

The mission of the Futures of America is to strongly encourage all Americans, but especially young people, to learn what they call the "M.V.P.'s of Life": morals, values, principles and patriotism. They sing classic American songs such as The Battle Hymn of the Republic, Put On a Happy Face, God Bless America, as well as songs written by Mr. Fernau, such as Missouri: Our Home State, St. Louis, My Kind of Town, and You're My Music. They have performed on radio and television, and have also released several albums of their music.

Since their inception in 1971, the Futures of America have kept up an ambitious and impressive schedule, traveling close to a million miles and performing over 2,500 times. They have sung for a number of dignitaries, including two Presidents, an African king, and a host of Missouri's State and local elected officials. They also sing at venues such as Air Force bases, parades, and conventions for groups such as the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion, and the Rotary Club. The Futures of America also have the distinction of having performed before all 172 VA hospitals in America, warming the hearts of many veterans.

I commend George and Lois Fernau and the Futures of America for their service to the community over the past 32 years. Their patriotism and strong moral values are a good example for everyone. I am honored to share their accomplishments with my colleagues, and I wish them all the best for the future.●

#### A TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL KEVIN B. KUKLOK

● Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to MG Kevin B.

Kuklok, who is about to retire and return to private life after more than 35 years of selfless service to our Nation as a U.S. Marine.

Major General Kuklok graduated from the University of North Dakota, with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering. He also received his master's degree in business administration from the United States International University in San Diego, CA. He enrolled in the Platoon Leaders Class program in March 1965, and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve in August 1968.

He has served with numerous operational commands in billets ranging from staff officer to Commanding General. Some of these units were Marine Medium Lift Helicopter Squadrons 267 and 367; 2d Battalion, 7th Marines; Marine Attack Helicopter Squadron 169; Marine Air Group 46; and Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 766.

He was Commanding Officer Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 41, Det B; Commanding Officer of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 764. He also served as Director of Readiness and Safety, 4th Marine Aircraft Wing, MARRESFOR, New Orleans, LA.

Upon promotion to brigadier general, he assumed command as the commanding general, Reserve Marine Ground Task Force East, Camp Lejeune, NC.

Major General Kuklok is a veteran of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He also served as the commanding general, 4th Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Reserve, from September 1997 until August 2000.

In November 2001, General Kuklok was ordered back to active duty to support Operation Enduring Freedom, at which time he assumed his current duties as Assistant Commandant, Plans, Policies and Operations, his last active duty position.

Throughout his career as a U.S. Marine, Major General Kuklok has demonstrated uncompromising character, discerning wisdom, and a sincere, profound sense of duty to his country, his Corps, and especially to his marines and their families.

On behalf of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, I wish to recognize Major General Kuklok's accomplishments and his devoted service to the Nation. Congratulations to him, his wife, Diana, and their two children, Nicole and Bryce, on the completion of a long and distinguished career.●

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF SAGINAW BAY AREA

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I would like to recognize a great organization from my home State of Michigan. On August 14, 2003, people will gather to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Saginaw Bay Area, Inc. I am pleased to pay tribute

to the members of Big Brothers Big Sisters for their years of dedication and service to the community.

Big Brothers Big Sisters volunteers provide stability for area youth by mentoring children and organizing exciting activities. The tools of warmth, human interest, and personal friendship are used to improve the health, education, and personal welfare of participants. The nonsectarian, multiracial agency holds an annual Easter egg hunt, Halloween and Christmas parties, as well as a variety of community enrichment activities in the Saginaw Bay area.

In 1952, 18 individuals united to form the board of directors for Big Brothers after receiving a grant from the Optimist Club of Saginaw. With the opening of a new office in Bay City in 1973, the organization officially changed its name to Big Brothers of Saginaw Bay Area, Inc.

In 1966, the Woman's Council of Saginaw recognized the need for a Big Sisters program. The following year the Altrusa Club, a community service organization, sponsored and organized the project, and soon after, a local Big Sisters program was established. The two organizations joined forces on September 1, 1982, to form Big Brothers Big Sisters of Saginaw Bay Area, Inc., saving an estimated \$15,000 to \$20,000 in operating expenses annually. This money is used to enrich the lives of approximately 725 young people in Saginaw and Bay Counties.

I take great pride in recognizing the efforts of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Saginaw Bay Area as it celebrates its 50th anniversary. I have no doubt that this organization will continue to enrich the lives of local children. I know my Senate colleagues will join me in saluting the accomplishments of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Saginaw Bay Area and in wishing the group continued success in the future.●

#### RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF DR. BILL MADIA

● Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the achievements of Dr. Bill Madia, President and CEO of UT-Battelle, and Director of Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee. Bill will be stepping down in August to take on the new position of Executive Vice President of Laboratory Operations at Battelle headquarters in Columbus, OH. Over the past three years Dr. Madia has contributed greatly to the Lab's many successes, and I would like to thank him for his leadership and commitment to our State.

ORNL is the largest of the Department of Energy's, Office of Science multi-program laboratories and to run a facility of its size is no simple task. Bill joined ORNL with more than 25 years of international experience in research and research management, including 15 years leading public and private research labs. He became the director of ORNL on April 1, 2000 and since then has continued the tradition of excellence at Oak Ridge.

Bill Madia is a visionary who delivers results. Under his leadership, construction of the Spallation Neutron Source was initiated. The SNS will produce the most intense pulsed neutron beams in the world and will be completed as expected in 2006. It is under Bill's direction that this project is progressing both on schedule and within budget.

Dr. Madia is also responsible for a major renewal of the Laboratory through his modernization plan. He has enabled the private capitalization of several new buildings that will house the Laboratory's advanced computing assets. Bill also has been instrumental in building the Laboratory's nanotechnology initiative, and the first of the DOE's Nanoscience centers, the Center for Nanophase Materials Sciences, had its groundbreaking earlier this month.

Oak Ridge has an extensive history of linking with universities and with Bill's guidance has expanded the use of these partnerships. Just recently, researchers of Oak Ridge, North Carolina State University, and University of Tennessee discovered how to tune the atomic-level zone of semiconductor devices, the building blocks of computing chips. Additionally, he captured a leadership role in DOE's computational science initiative for Oak Ridge by building a partnership with industry to develop the next generation machine and attracting private sector financing to rapidly build a new facility necessary to operate world-class supercomputers.

Bill understands the importance of science and the role that science development plays in our lives and in the future. He has continually taken the initiative to push forth all projects that Oak Ridge takes on. Our investments in science driven technology contribute greatly to the economic growth of this country, and during his tenure the UT-Battelle team has helped with the creation of 30 new companies through the ORNL technology transfer program.

Outside of the laboratory in the Oak Ridge community, Bill Madia has done an outstanding job in promoting economic sustainability and has been a vigorous promoter of education. In fact, he has remained a strong supporter of funding for high school science laboratories and the University of Tennessee's Academy for Math and Science.

The people of Oak Ridge Tennessee and this Nation have benefited from all his hard work and will continue to benefit from Bill Madia's dedication as he continues his excellence as a member of the UT-Battelle Board of Directors. Although, he will be missed dearly in Tennessee, I am confident that he will continue to make a difference in the community. I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.●

#### MEASURES HELD OVER/UNDER RULE

The following resolution was read, and held over, under the rule.

S. Res. 207. A resolution amending the Standing Rules of the Senate to provide that it is not in order in a committee to ask questions regarding a presidential nominee's religious affiliation.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3518. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "To Amend Sections 7D, 16(i)(2), and 19 of the United States Grain Standards Act to Authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to Recover Through User Fees the Costs of Standardization Activities"; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3519. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Installations and Environment, Department of the Navy, transmitting, a report relative to studying certain functions performed by military and civilian personnel in the Department of the Navy for possible performance by private contractors; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3520. A communication from the Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Enuretic Devices, Breast Reconstructive Surgery, PFPWD Valid Authorization Period, Early Intervention Services" (RIN0720-AA70) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3521. A communication from the Assistant General for Regulations, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards: Smoke Alarms" (RIN2502-AH48) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3522. A communication from the Chairman, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's 2002 Annual Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3523. A communication from the President of the Senate, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of an Executive Order relative to sanctions against Burma; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3524. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Milford IA (Doc. No. 03-ACE-07)" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3525. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Muscatine, IA (Doc. No. 03-ACE-39)" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3526. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Pratt, KS (Doc. No. 03-ACE-36)" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.